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SUBJECT: CONTROLS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: LETTER
OF INQUIRY FROM OECD SECRETARIAT

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER (TEXT FOLLOWS) FROM
DIRECTOR DAVID BECKLER, (DSTI), REQUESTING INFORMATION
ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN OFFICIAL THINKING ON CONTROLS
ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND REACTION TO POSSIBLE EXCHAN-
GE OF VIEWS IN CSTP ON THIS TOPIC. THIS LETTER,
DISCUSSED WITH DAS GANLEY DURING LAST CSTP MEETING,
HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL DELEGATIONS. AS WAS APPARENT IN
THAT DISCUSSION, SECRETARIAT HAS IN MIND THE BUCY
REPORT AND PRESS REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION OF
THIS ISSUE. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE
BUT RECOMMENDS THAT REPLY STATE FIRMLY THAT
A) POLICY IS NOW UNDER COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
WITHIN USG, AND
B) ANY DISCUSSION OF CONTROLS FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES
IS INAPPROPRIATE IN OECD. MOREOVER, CURRENT WORK
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REFERRED TO IN LETTER ON E-W TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,
IMPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, AND INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT, DOES NOT,
IN OUR OPINION, JUSTIFY DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC CONTROLS
IN OECD.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE: SIR, THE SECRETARIAT,

IN THE CONTEXT OF WORK CURRENTLY UNDER WAY FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY (CSTP), IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN AN EXAMINATION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, AND OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS' POLICIES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALSO, AS YOU WILL KNOW, INVOLVED ON MEMBERS' BEHALF IN QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION IN UNCTAD ON A PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

ANY PROPOSED VARIATION IN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFERRED EITHER BETWEEN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES OR TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE OECD AREA WOULD THEREFORE BE A MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO US. AS PRESSURES APPEAR TO BE DEVELOPING AMONG SOME SECTORS OF OPINION FOR A REINFORCEMENT OF CONTROLS UPON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THIS MIGHT ALSO BE A SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS: PERHAPS AS A SUITABLE TOPIC FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE CSTP.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL THEREFORE, IF, TO THE EXTENT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO SO, YOUR DELEGATION COULD INFORM US OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL THINKING ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT, INCLUDING YOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATION'S VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A DISCUSSION IN THE CSTP.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
S/DAVID BECKLER UNQUOTE
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